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Response Due Date
05/03/2013

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00167015

REFERENCE: AMENDED 30 DAY POST-GENERAL REPORT (10/18/2012 -
11/26/2012), RECEIVED 01/31/2013

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 5 item(s):

1. Your amended report discloses an increase in receipts totaling \$143,511.19 on Line(s) 11(c) and 18(a) of the Detailed Summary Page from those disclosed on your original report. Please provide clarifying information as to why this activity was not disclosed on your original report. (11 CFR § 104.3)
2. Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions from an organization(s), which is not a political committee registered with the Commission. In order for your committee to accept contributions from unregistered organizations into accounts used to influence federal elections, your committee should take steps to insure that the contributor(s) used permissible funds to make the contribution(s) to avoid violating 2 U.S.C. § §441a(f) and 441b or 11 CFR §102.5(b). Under 11 CFR §102.5(b), organizations which are not political committees under the Act and choose to contribute to federal committees must either: 1) establish a separate account which contains only those funds permitted under the Act, or 2) demonstrate through a reasonable accounting method that the organization has received sufficient funds subject to the limitations and prohibitions in order to make the contribution.

If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying

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information. In addition, please clarify whether the contribution(s) received from the referenced organization(s) is permissible.

To the extent that your committee has received prohibited funds, you may have to make a refund. If within 30 days of receipt you (1) transferred the prohibited amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund, you may retain the contribution in an account not used to influence federal elections. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 30 days of receipt, the prohibited amount must be refunded. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1))

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer out or refund. Should you choose to transfer out or refund the contribution(s), the Commission will presume the funds were impermissible if no statement from your committee provides information to the contrary. Transfers out and refunds should be disclosed on a Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited contributions, prompt action by your committee in transferring out or refunding the amounts will be taken into consideration.

3. Schedule A supporting Line 11(c) discloses a transfer(s)-in from "Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee" and "Democratic National Committee." Schedule B supporting Line 30(b) reflects payments for "Door hangers-Bustos," "Door hangers-Enyart," "Door hangers-Foster," "Door hangers-Gill," "Door hangers-Schneider," "Volunteer exempt mail-Enyart," "Volunteer exempt mail-Foster," "Volunteer exempt mail promote Gill" and "Volunteer exempt mail promote Schneider for Congress." Please be advised that a state or local party committee may pay for campaign materials (such as pins, posters, bumper stickers and yard signs) that are distributed by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees in a general election and for voter drive activity conducted on behalf of the party's Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used, including distribution by direct mail (mailings by a commercial vendor or from

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commercial lists); all funds used for the activity must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have been designated for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR §§100.87 and 100.147 and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.

If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, that amount must be disclosed on Schedule B, E or F supporting Line 23, 24 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate. Please amend your report or provide clarifying information.

4. Schedule B of your report discloses a total of \$2,862.54 in payments made to apparent credit card companies; however, the sum of the memo entries provided identifying the original vendors associated with these payments total \$3,074.22. Please amend your report to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

5. Schedule H4 discloses a disbursement(s) which is categorized as a fundraising expense(s); however, a Schedule H2 has not been filed to disclose the allocation ratio. All committees are required to allocate the direct costs of each fundraising event in which the committee collects both federal and non federal funds. The costs are allocated according to the funds received ratio and reported on Schedule H2. (11 CFR §§106.6(d) and 106.7(d)(4)) Please file a Schedule H2 to disclose the ratio for the fundraising event(s).

- Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. For your information and consideration when preparing future filings, transfers from affiliated/other party committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting Line 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing. (2 U.S.C § 434(b) and FORM 3X Instructions)

- Schedule A of your report discloses contributions from political committees and fails to include the full and/or recognizable name. Reporting only the name of the connected organization, abbreviating the name of the committee so it is unrecognizable, or using an indistinguishable acronym is inadequate. (11 CFR §§ 102.14(c) and 104.3(a)(4))

A listing of the full FEC-registered committee names, FEC Committee ID

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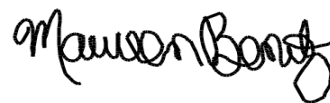
numbers, and approved acronyms can be found on the FEC web site (www.fec.gov). The following entries disclosed on your report are considered inadequate: "International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees," "International Association of Fire Fighters-PAC," "Ironworkers Political Education Fund" and "United Mine Workers of America."

Please amend your report to include the missing information.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1147.

Sincerely,



Maureen Benitz
Sr. Campaign Finance & Reviewing Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF ILLINOIS (C00167015)

Contributions from Unregistered Organizations

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Report
Citizens for Elizabeth Hernandez	10/24/12	\$1,000.00	30 Day Post General
Citizens for Marcus C. Evans	10/24/12	\$500.00	30 Day Post General
Citizens for Thaddeus Jones	11/2/12	\$500.00	30 Day Post General
Citizens to Elect Keith Farnham	10/24/12	\$1,000.00	30 Day Post General
Friends for Larry Walsh	11/2/12	\$1,000.00	30 Day Post General
Friends of Arthur Turner	11/2/12	\$500.00	30 Day Post General
Friends of Dan Reitz	10/18/12	\$1,000.00	30 Day Post General
Friends of Eddie Lee Jackson	10/18/12	\$1,000.00	30 Day Post General
Friends of Kelly Burke	11/2/12	\$1,000.00	30 Day Post General
Friends of Robert 'Bob' Rita	10/24/12	\$1,000.00	30 Day Post General
Friends of Tabares PAC	11/2/12	\$1,000.00	30 Day Post General
The People for Emanuel 'Chris' Welch	10/18/12	\$1,000.00	30 Day Post General
Zalewski for State Representative	10/22/12	\$1,000.00	30 Day Post General